

11 CITY SOLDIERS ARE DECORATED

Major Pierson and Lieutenant Bullock, Both Dead, Given Crosses

ALL BUT TWO IN 315TH

Awards Are for Heroism, According to War Department Announcement

Eleven Philadelphians have been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, according to an announcement from the War Department today.

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IMPRISONED SEA CAPTAIN LONGS FOR HIS FREEDOM

Prison Authorities Sympathize With Harold Berggreen's Effort to Have Board of Pardons Free Him Today—J. St. George Joyce, Jr., Appeals After Hearing Man's Story

"IF YOU knew the heart of a sailor or a sea bird you would know what it has meant for me to be imprisoned here four years and three months."

These were the words of Harold Berggreen, in the Eastern Penitentiary, the State Board of Pardons, at its session today in Harrisburg, was expected to decide the fate of this Australian sea captain sentenced to seven to eight years on the charges of assault, extortion and robbery.

Berggreen has no lawyer, but J. St. George Joyce, Jr., who accidentally became interested in him through seeing a model ship he made, is fighting his case for him. Two other men, Berggreen to regain his liberty have failed.

It is believed that if at his trial Berggreen had chosen to reveal the name of the influential family in Australia to which he belongs (for Berggreen is not his real name) he might have received a lighter sentence.

But he would not name his family, by his disgrace, preferring the longer prison term.

George A. Smith, 6322 Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia, who is now forty-nine years old, ran away to sea when fifteen, included to do so by sea tales told him by an old sailor who worked on his father's estate in North Australia.

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CITY WILL HONOR NATION'S FATHER

Every Element of Population to Observe Washington's Birthday

ALLIED POWERS SHARE

Citizens' Exercises at Independence Hall and Exercises by Municipality

The 187th birthday of George Washington will be celebrated Saturday, and adhering to old-time traditions the city has planned a varied program.

Every element in the city's population will participate, but featuring the day's activities will be the exercises at the University of Pennsylvania and the affairs staged at Independence Hall by the citizens' committee.

The great world war and the manifold problems of the Peace Conference in Paris, despite their appeals to the people of the world, have failed to stir the patriotic sentiment of Philadelphia, and Philadelphia will honor his memory in a fitting manner.

During the early years of the republic, when the nation's attention was directed toward the government of Pennsylvania, the city's government was worked in this city, for the national capital in those days was in Philadelphia.

To keep fresh the memories of these days the citizens' committee, headed by Colonel J. Campbell Gilmore, has planned an interesting program for the Independence Hall event.

The exercises will be held at 11 o'clock and among the speakers will be Judge Albert W. Johnson, of Lewisburg, Pa., and Colonel Gilmore. The police band will furnish music and a chorus of school children will sing the national air.

Allies to Be Represented. Representatives of the Allied powers will be present, and with representatives of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Sons of Veterans and a score of other fraternal and patriotic organizations participated in the colorful ceremonies.

The Betsy Ross flag will be unfurled during the exercises. The records of the University of Pennsylvania disclose that 400 graduates of the university served their country in the great war, and of that number 130 died, eight were wounded and eight captured.

The big meeting will be held at 10:30 a. m., and Governor Spruell will be the chief orator. Incidentally, the university will award a degree to Pennsylvania's Chief Executive, but Provost Smith declines to divulge the character of this honor until Saturday.

There will be a student procession from the Union League Annex to the Academy of Music, and heading the marchers will be forty-five undergraduates who are to receive degrees.

Following the exercises Provost Smith and trustees of the university will entertain the Governor at the University Club.

Victory Dinner by U. P. Alumni. At 7 o'clock in the evening a Victory dinner is to be held at the Adelphi Hotel and scores of prominent graduates are expected.

Congressman Simeon D. Fess, of Ohio, will deliver the address at the Adelphi Hotel and scores of prominent graduates are expected.

Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Twenty-eighth street and Allegheny Avenue, will celebrate the day by raising a service flag bearing 124 stars.

The flag raising will take place at 2:30 and immediately following the names of the men who have entered the service from this church will be read. The Rev. Joseph M. Corrigan, of St. Charles's Seminary, Overbrook, and Congressman Edmonds will speak.

FRENCH GRASP U. S. IDEALS. Chaplain Here Tells of His People's Love for America.

The rank and file of the French people have grasped the American ideal of democracy and are working for a common end with America.

ONLY ONE MAN CAN BOAST OF BEATING PETER O. KNIGHT

Vice President of American International Shipbuilding Corporation Tells How Man Who Afterward Gained Fame Has Distinction of Getting "Easy Money" From Him

PATRICK MURPHY, widely known in Florida as a politician, writer and according to the Tampa Daily Times, "many other things," claims the distinction of being the only man alive who ever beat Peter O. Knight, vice president and general counsel of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation, out of anything.

Colonel Knight related the story on himself yesterday to some friends in his office here as it was told by Mr. Murphy in Tampa a few days ago. Colonel Knight, by the way, is recognized in his home state as Florida's political mentor, and for years has been a leading lawyer there. His home in Tampa is one of the city's show places.

Mr. Murphy, runs the story, arrived in Fort Myers, Fla., one morning about thirty years ago in a side-door Pullman, and "on recovering his faculties," discovered he was broke.

Colonel Knight had in his pocket a single \$20 gold piece, which Mr. Murphy contended, represented his entire earnings before the bar for ten years. However, Mr. Murphy's appeal for fifty cents met with ready response. There being only one coin in his pocket, which was near enough to the size of a silver half dollar to feel like one, Colonel Knight produced it and pressed it into Mr. Murphy's hand with one of his characteristic smiles.

"Did I give it back?" exclaimed Mr. Murphy, when telling the story. "Well, I guess not. Anybody who gets anything off Peter Knight that he earns it. Nobody else ever did it and got away with it."

CITY MAY LOSE DRYDOCK. Emergency Fleet Official Says Bids Must Be Made Soon.

"If Philadelphia don't come across with bids for the three drydocks proposed by the Emergency Fleet Corporation by March, the government will be ready to build at least one of the docks at the League Island Navy Yard," declared Howard W. Cooney, vice president of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

However, added Mr. Cooney, there is still some hope of Philadelphia capital taking up the proposition before the government takes final action in March. Last Saturday, he said, he held a conference with William A. Law, president of the First National Bank, and William J. Conlin, member of the Board of Trade Committee on Port Facilities.

The three drydocks here would be of great benefit to the city's business, and it is deplorable that Philadelphia cannot take a part in the consideration," Mr. Cooney said. "If the drydock to connect with League Island is built entirely with the capital furnished by the government, it would not make the least difference to the government whether vessels land at Norfolk or Philadelphia."

"SAFETY" PLACARDS IN CARS. P. R. T. Signs in Trolleys Call Attention to Campaign.

Placards have been placed today in all P. R. T. trolley cars calling attention to the company's "safety first" campaign to eliminate accidents. The cards read:

CO-OPERATION. THE AUTHORITIES AND THE CHILDREN WANT YOU TO SAVE YOURSELF AND YOUR NEIGHBORS FROM ACCIDENTS.

The company has organized its campaign in all of the city's public and parochial schools.

GUARD MISSIONARIES' HEALTH. M. E. Church Establishes Medical Department for Workers.

A medical department to guard the health efficiency of its missionary workers has been established by the Methodist Episcopal Church in connection with its missionary centenary to raise \$120,000 for general world upbuilding and the extension of its missionary work at home and abroad.

No other church has organized such a department. Dr. J. G. Vaughan, for six years a Methodist medical missionary in China, is executive secretary of the new department. Missionaries in the field and on furlough will have the benefit of counsel from the new department, while all candidates will undergo their medical examinations from the physicians in charge.

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CITY ENJOYING BUSINESS BOOM

Hotels as Barometers of Situation Indicate 100 Per Cent Prosperity

RUNNING TO CAPACITY

Philadelphia Is Catching Overflow From New York, Say Hotel Men

Philadelphia is in the midst of an era of business prosperity, if the indications on the "business barometer" of the city are correct.

The barometers are the hotels, and the "indicators" are the number of rooms that are filled, according to hotel men.

At present the "indicators" are pointing to 100 per cent, or, in other words, every hotel in the center of the city is being pushed to the utmost to accommodate travelers.

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ney, manager of the Hotel Majestic, Broad street and Girard Avenue, "I have every room in the house filled and cannot accommodate those who are sent up from downtown hotels. They are filled up."

Mr. McCartney said there were many business men in the city from other sections of the country, placing orders and contracts with Philadelphia mills and selling material here. He thinks also that the mild winter kept many residents in the city who would otherwise have taken southern trips.

Many of the patrons in the hotels are here because they cannot be accommodated in New York, where 15,000 hotel rooms are all occupied. Others are waiting for vessels bringing soldiers to this port so that they may greet their relatives first hand.

Receiver for Printing Firm. An equity suit brought in Common Pleas Court No. 4 by the London and Lancashire Indemnity Company of America, asks a receiver for the Fleet Printing Company. The plaintiff are surety on two contracts held by the firm for government work. Judge Finletter appointed Edgar W. Lank and Carl E. Kirsch to administer the firm's affairs.

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BEGINS HIS 51ST YEAR IN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Henry K. Lathy Recalls When No Transatlantic Liner Docked Here

When Henry K. Lathy, special deputy collector of customs here, took his seat in his office in the Customs House this morning he started his fifty-first year.



He was sworn in as a clerk in the customs office, and now he says he's ready to rest awhile. But unfortunately, he said, Uncle Sam has made no pension provision for the men who have grown old in his service, so he supposes he'll spend the rest of his life on the job.

Lathy has seen big changes in Philadelphia during his long term of service, especially in his port. "Why, I remember when there wasn't a single transatlantic liner running out of this city," he remarked, "and when only a few steamers called Philadelphia a home port. And now, judging by our records, we have the second largest port in America."

"It's not been so long ago when there were no ice boats on the Delaware River, and a little freeze tied up traffic for weeks at a time. But then it didn't matter much, because all we had was an occasional dirty tramp that drifted in and out. The first liner that called here was the American Line started things with Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. And now, we get ice boats, and things boats, and going to the port. They've begun to look good for the port. We're going to have some port here before long, and we're growing better ever since. Oh, been growing better ever since. Oh, been growing better ever since. Oh, been growing better ever since."

"And my, how this city has grown! And my, how its going to keep on growing! Do you know something? Chester is going to be a part of the city of Philadelphia some day. Yes, sir, I believe that."

"How was that? Oh, you suppose things have been pretty exciting since I started this job? No, not much. It's been a monotonous old fifty years. I never got outdoors much."

Mr. Lathy has seen service under twelve administrations, as well as under twelve collectors here.

Collectors here since he began work have been Joseph W. Calk, Henry D. Moore, John W. Forney, the well-known Philadelphia newspaper man; Seth I. Conly, Alexander P. Tutton, General John B. Hartman, former Governor of Pennsylvania; John Caldwell, Thomas V. Cooper, John R. Read, C. Wesley Thomas, Chester W. Hill and William H. Berry, the present Collector.

Not a bit of it. He is a little more than seventy years of age, but his steel-gray hair is the only evidence of that.

Mr. Lathy was born in Clarion County. He studied law under his father. Mr. Lathy lives at 428 South Broad street.

SMITH REGIME LOANS BREAK ALL RECORDS

\$12,000,000 Soon to Be Authorized Will Make Grand Total \$129,000,000

When Councils finally approve the \$12,000,000 loan authorization that will be introduced tomorrow, the grand total of loans made available during the Smith administration will be \$129,000,000, more than twice as much as any previous regime ever had to spend on improvements.

In addition to the \$12,000,000, current revenues for the four years approximate \$170,000,000, making a total that makes previous administration expenditures look like the proverbial "thirty cents." Probably much more than half the loan funds will remain for the next administration to expend because of the impossibility of putting the loans under contract or even floating them during the remaining ten months of the Smith term.

An tentatively agreed upon, the new \$12,000,000 loan authorization will include \$4,000,000 for a start on extension of the water system. This project, which has been under consideration for many years will include increasing the water supply from the Schuylkill River, and contracts will be let as soon as any part of the new loan is floated.

Director Krusen, of the Department of Health and Charities, will be allowed \$750,000 of the new loan and Director Wilson, of the Department of Public Safety \$1,750,000. The remainder all goes to the Department of Public Works and a little freeze tied up traffic for weeks at a time. But then it didn't matter much, because all we had was an occasional dirty tramp that drifted in and out. The first liner that called here was the American Line started things with Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

Y. W. C. A. Makes Labor Plans. A sweeping program, which advocates such industrial measures as the eight-hour day, collective bargaining, minimum wage and abolition of child labor, was outlined yesterday at the closing session of the industrial conference of secretaries and committee members of the east central field of the Young Women's Christian Association.

Steal Gasoline From Fire Tank. Fifteen gallons of gasoline were stolen from the tank of the chemical engine of the Hope Fire Company, of National Park, when the thieves broke open a door of the fire house and damaged the engine in getting the gasoline from the tank. It is thought the robbery was committed by a party of joy riders.

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WALCO CLOTHES FACTORY-TO-WEAVER Suits and Overcoats \$14.50 UP here at our factory. Save 35% Up. Some "city folks" haven't as much "gumption" as the suburbanite. He has strength enough in his legs and sense enough in his head to walk up one flight of stairs to save \$5 to \$8. What? SE. COR. 9th AND CANSO. MAN LEAPS FROM FERRY. Police Boat Grapples for Body Thought to Be Morris H. Mosier. Removing his coat and vest while crossing the ferry on Camden last night, a man jumped into the Delaware River and drowned. When the ferry reached the Camden side, the police boat Ashbridge was sent to grapple for the body. In the pockets of the garments left by the man were found two cards, one bearing the name of Morris H. Mosier, 311 North Thirteenth street, and another the name of Miss Pauline Mosier, 313 North Front street, on the back of which was written, "I hope to meet her."